THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) No such condition was imposed while granting approval for production.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As per the present policy the passenger car manufacturers are required to sign memorandum of understanding with the Government of India committing themselvs to achieving a broad neutralisation of foreign exchange in terms of balancing between the actual CIF value of imports of CKD/SKD Kits/ Components and the FOB value of exports of cars and auto components. The period for this export obligation commences from the third year of commencement of production. The concerned companies have already started their export. The period of fulfillment of EO is still not over. Hence, the question of a company not fulfilling the export obligation does not arise at this stage.

FDI in the Country

1443. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite having approved $ 61 billion worth of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) over the past ten years, only $ 21 billion have actually come into the country due to lack of facilitation process and difficulties in project implementation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for improvement in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) The actual inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during the period from January 1991 to September 2000 has been US$ 22.347 billion against the total amount of FDI of US$ 66.272 billion approved during this period.

It has been the constant endeavour of the Government to attract more FDI. With a view to improve implementation rate, the FDI policy is reviewed continuously to make it more investor-friendly. For facilitating speedy implementation of projects, Government has also set up a Foreign Investment implementation Authority comprising representatives from various concerned administrative department from the Central and State Governments, which seeks to resolve the problems faced by the entrepreneurs.